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Original Poem.

YES, I REMEMBER WELL, OLD FRIEND.

TO J. T. H., OF NEW YORK.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY T. S. HEMPSTEAD.

Yes, I remember well, old friend!
When Augusta moons were rolling;
Before bird and scenes had become familiar,
How you and I were strolling;
And how we raced to the old tavern's home,
Us evening's balmy breeze;
But now those laughing shoes bear fame,
Those feet have long ere dead to please!
The hazy steeps upon the bank,
The lily by the fountain;
And the piping bowers through leafiness trees,
I Cannot forget, I remember the evenings
With joyous step, oh, light we moved,
Where sparkling rills were purling;
And through the groves our childhood loved,
In pleasing glee were whirling;
And here we met spring-time's fire,
Amidst the sunny pleasure,
And caught upon the sleepy roar,
A glimpse of summer's treasure!
Or the daisy steeps upon the bank,
The lily by the fountain,
Of the piping breeze through leafiness trees,
I remember, I remember the evenings.

I thought how Spring's unsullied morn,
Midst dew-drops found us straying—
Its wonderful lay, on spring's horn,
And knuckles deftly playing;
Yet the fields and the evenings
That whispered secret things;
As had known the burning tears,
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Original Tales.

THE ALTAR ROCK.

A Legend of the Susquehanna.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY MRS. JANE ELIZA PERSON.

I was visiting at the house of an old friend, who lives about twenty miles from my locality, on the left and beautiful banks of the Susquehanna, at Creek, a considerable branch of the noble Susquehanna, which flowing from sources in the snowcrown regions of the Alleghanies, and the mountains the whole breadth of Tioga and unites with West Branch near the southern borders of Lycoming county. A few miles from the north line of Lycoming county my friend resided. Pine Creek, a solid and respectable stream, winding its course seven regular hills on either side, which are separated by a valley, or a succession of valleys sometimes wide, and sometimes the stream flows, ashing the feet of the mountains, sometimes on one side, and sometimes on the other, that as it ds shifting the valley to the opposite side. I have traversed dwellers, along its course, are isolated on each other almost every family being obliged cross the creek when visit a neighbor. This is ally accomplished in summer when the water is w, but in spring and autumn, and during the winter except when the creek is frozen, it is difficult dden dangerous. There are no bridges as in reas of hearty rain, and when the waters are swelling, e torrent, the inhabitants are obliged to go South, at it almost fills the valleys, and would sweep away any bridge that could be erected. At such times it is frequently impossible to walk over, pecially when the ice is breaking and going out; generally the inhabitants cross and recross on ones, which even the women manage with great ill and courage. Yet the valleys are some of ere exceedingly beautiful; and the mountains picturesque, and in some instances sublime.

Not far from my friend's residence, on the opposite side of the creek, is one of the most romantic le peaks I ever looked at. The mountain rises lengthy form the water to the height of several ordred feet, and is surrounded by a pillar or dations of rocks, apparently built up an hundred ed which the mountain stands, and connected as the earth itself—I was accosted by an old gentleman, who had been a dweller beside that wild water during many years.

"That is a very presentable bluff, madam," he remarked, "I have seen from its summit in grand, almost appalling. I stood there once then not a my younger days. It is so terrible from the other

It makes me dizzy to look down at the water's ought yet the view up and down the creek, and across the hilly country, is worth the trouble of the ressible ice scenes. The rock is called the Altar connected with that rock built tower. I have not thought of it for years."

"Will you tell it to me?" I asked eagerly. "I am so fond of traditionary legends."

"I do not know as I can recall it in all its details," he said, musingly, "for I have not repeated it. I will try and recollect it, and if you will come and sit with me to-morrow afternoon I will tell you all about it."

Accordingly the next day I called at the old gentleman's house, situated in view of the altar rock, as he said he had named it, I prepared to hear, and be to tell a story of days gone by.

"It was when I was a young man," he commenced, "some forty years ago, that I came up from one of the lower counties to hunt and explore the country at this time. There were then very few settlers along the course; and almost the whole country was one wild forest, and the haunt of famous hunting here then—Elk and deer, bears wolves and panthers in plenty—and I then was swift of foot, sharp of eye, and true of eye. Oh for those joyous days once more.

"Well a few miles farther than the creek there used to be, long before our time, an Indian village. The burial grounds are still remaining. But at that time there were no Indians in this vicinity. Old Peter Hemlock and other famous Indian killers, had cleared them all away. But one pleasant morning I walked quietly along the creek, as I was wont there, looking out for game. I was enticed to see a red skin, standing just above there, where that run shoots so beautifully over the smooth rock into the creek, after wrangling and tossing down the rough ravine between Altar Mountain and its neighbor up the creek. He stood just where you see those beautiful clusters of white flowers drooping from the face of the rough precipice. That very shrub was clinging there then, and its roomy tassels waved slowly over his head, as he leaned with folded arms against the stone base of the mountain. He was a fine specimen of his race, and his countenance, though it bore the expression of profound grief, was noble and commanding.

"I was considering how I should introduce myself to him, when I heard a rustling in the thicket near me, and a wild doe, bounding toward me. Mina sprang from her lurking place, and was soon clasped in her fond dear resting place.

"At length the mother raised her wet eyes to greet her son. 'Henry Montfort!' she cried. 'Oh! is it possible!' It *is* possible! and she sank down, with wide open eyes, and face white as a snow drift. He raised her in his arms, and murmured—

"'Mary—my Mary! my loved, and lost. I sought you, oh! so long and earnestly. How came you here? and she?'

"'She is my child,' gasped Mary; 'she was thirteen years old, the seventh day of June last.'

"'Oh! God, have mercy on me!' he exclaimed, sinking on his knees, and raising his clasped hands towards Heaven. Miss had stood gazing wildly upon the two, as if lost in wonder and delight. Suddenly she uttered a loud wild cry, and flew like a frightened bird. A few moments passed, and then the two, as if lost in wonder and delight. But we sought her in vain. The night came, and with it, storm and darkness. Where was the poor child now? The last night she had been so happy in her fond husband's arms—surrounded by every comfort—anticipating a joyful meeting with her long lost mother, and a life of unclouded sunshine. Now she was alone, in the dark forest—alone and miserable. We sought her all night—calling her from cliff and valley—but the morning came, and brought no tidings of the vanished dove. The mother lay nearly dying within her lodge, the husband ranged the forest shrieking like a mad man.

"Three days the search lasted—and then we found her, lying at the foot of that horrid tower across the trunk of a crooked hemlock that clung to the oversized rock with its serpent-like roots. She was not mangled, but a part of her dress which hung half way up the precipice, attested that she had fallen or thrown herself from thence.

"I wept like a woman, as we bore that beautiful crushed flower to our village. I have never since been called the Terrible.

"The mother of Mina arose from her couch almost as distracted as herself. And the man who had been the husband of her child no one knew whither.

Original Poetry.

TO J. H. S., OF LEWISTOWN.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY THE JUNIATA POETESS.

Accept these humble lines, my friend,
Among the memories of the Past,
Of gentle words in kindness breathed,
And smiles no cloud could cancel.

Those memories cherish in the soul,
Their light adorns the heart a-flung,
And looks serene and sweet cause
O'er sprite that by grief are wrung.

And such the memory of that hour,
That our short love I spent with thee;
A lonely gem, a gathered flower—
Beloved by thee alone.

Could my poor songs in one like thee
But hold so much of sweetness bring
That I could make thee sing
The Muse's simple offering.

A Practical Story.

THE WESTERN EMIGRANT.

BY MRS. C. G. MORTON.

"Well, dearest Ella," exclaimed Charles Crosby to his young and lovely bride, a few days after her marriage "do you think you will have courage sufficient to emigrate with me to our western home?"

"Why, dearest Charles, you would have me to be a strong woman, very many privations. The refined society that you have ever been accustomed to must be given up, and if you mingle in any at all must be that of the rude and uncultivated. In our own happy New England home your life has been passed in the midst of cultivation and refinement; when there you will have to bear familiar faces to meet you with the cordial of affection. I alone will be with you."

Ella stood leaning on her husband's arm listening to every word he said with the deepest interest; a tear had gathered in her eye, as he thought she was leaving the happy home of her childhood, and that perhaps forever. Charles continued:

"My love, I wish to hold out no inducements to you but what can be realized. The country you are going to is a beautiful, wild and picturesque region, the land is rich, and I doubt not on a few years we shall make a fortune, and then we will return here and enjoy it."

Ella looked in her husband's face and said, with playfulness:

"Dear Charles, I have determined to go with you East—west—alas, I care not whither, so them art with me, and I with thee.

"Oh where we will, the land is thine,
Those eyes believe me smiling thee,
Through good and ill, through storm and shine
The world's a world of love for me."

Quoin an appropriate quotation, upon my word, Ella," said Charles Crosby, gently taking her wife's hand; "but you believe in it, my love, as much as you would have to enter upon the hardships of a new country."

"Ah! my husband," said Ella, with an imploring look, "do not say so. You do not know your love if you think she cannot undergo a little for your sake."

In a few days Charles and his bride had to bid farewell to their home and friends. Ella left many a pang of parting with her family. As her mother held her to her bosom for the last time she felt as though her heart was breaking; but Charles had promised that she should return in one year, and that was some consolation to her. The land was now ready to push off, so she had to whisper farewell for the last time.

Charles Crosby had entered his five-and-twentieth year. He was possessed of considerable talent and enterprise, and as he had some capital he determined to settle himself in the far west to increase it. He purchased a handsome farm and built a neat little cottage one year before our story opens; he had also married Ella Adelaide, and as he found her family were highly respectable but not wealthy, he had no fear about her being disowned by Charles Crosby, upon account of his connexion so far from quiet home, but when they found the young folks were so cheerfully attached to each other they finally consented.

But travellers had now reached the beautiful Ohio. Charles had cleared a few acres of forest, and possessed—and when they arrived at the majestic Mississippi, the father of waters, her admiration knew no bounds; she was now completely domesticated by nature, and as the moon was at its full, the boat appeared to Ella like a fairy barque gliding over the water. At length after a journey of three weeks they reached their home in the western wilds. At first it presented to Ella a ruined and gloomy aspect. It was night when they arrived, and not a light could be seen glimmering in any direction. The only sound that could be heard in the distance was the constant barking of the faithful watch dog, which made the woods resound with his echoes. In a short time a man appeared whom Charles had left in charge of his place—soon a cheerful fire was blazing on the hearth to dispel the damp, and Ella's gloomy feelings had vanished.

In three or four weeks the cottage was in order. The furniture was plain, but arranged with the strictest regard to neatness. Ella took the management of her household affairs upon herself and attended her dairy, her only female servant she employed in cultivating a garden, raising poultry and various other occupations. Ella took a great delight in rearing flowers, and very soon she had rose-bushes and honey-suckles clambering over the windows, which gave the little white cottage a beautiful appearance. When Charles came home after the toils and labours of the day, his wife would greet him with a smile of love, and sing him a merry, or a soft and soothing lay, accompanied by her guitar, upon which she excelled. At such times Charles would forget his toils.

"I would not exchange my situation of domestic happiness with that of the President of the United States. Heaven has blessed us both with contented minds.

"And I, Charles," said Ella, "would not exchange my humble little cottage for my cousin Lucy's splendid mansion. You know when Lucy married Henry Grandville she was possessed of almost every regards wealth, but there was a certain restlessness about Henry that I never liked, and I fear he has involved himself in a life of pleasure—and I have never happy but when immersed in pleasure. The sweets of domestic bliss she has no conception of, and the pleasure of pleasure—why, I fear, will lead her to pursue a phantom that will ever elude her grasp.

It was now at that charming period of the year when Indian summer makes its appearance. The noble forest trees assumed their autumnal tints, and the refulgent rays of the sun reflected upon them at sunset gave them a resemblance to burnished gold. Charles had built his cottage in the most romantic situation imaginable. A gentle stream wound its course a short distance from the house, which afforded a delightful walk. The spot commanded a view of the most grand and diversified scenery. He would frequently rise before day and commence his work, and sitting on a little pointa before the door, contemplate the beauties of nature till her mind would be lost in wonder and love. At such times Ella would meditate on the goodness of God portrayed in the great volume of nature. Not unfrequently her husband would find her on her knees in broken by some kind-hearted but ignorant neighbor, coming to sympathize with her on her lonely situation, and condole with her.

La! Mrs. Crosby, I don't see how in the world you do to keep up your spirits in this forsaken place.

Now the poor woman had not the faintest idea that Ella's mind could be filled with any thing that she could take any pleasure in reading the dull looking books that composed her library, or that the refined society she had been used to, could ever afford her any pleasure. Ella would tell her that the superintendence of her household affairs and the cultivation of flowers and other amusements, gave her a source of pleasure far greater than she had ever experienced in the gayeties of the gayest society. Ella Crosby had naturally a great taste for intellectual improvement, and her intercourse with the educated and refined had given her a correct taste, and a desire that that very few females possess. Her sentiment had rather a tendency to exalt her understanding and lead her on to higher and purer pleasures, than to subject her to any improvement in intellect with her other accomplishments. Her mind was of that gentle essence she took important a notice of blooms to her cheek and a brighter brilliancy to her eye.

Winter was approaching fast, already had frost and snow made their appearance, yet Ella was cheerful and happy. Although the wild forest around her was presented when she came there was matured and its glory vanished, for all now that met her eye was a forest of leafless trees. To Charles's delight, he so exquisitely touching as the pure devotion of his wife's affection; on all the changing vicissitudes of life she is many years my junior, you will have to enables him to bear up when the storm of adversity threatened to overwhelm him. His home was to him too great for her to make. Charles often regretted the loss of that society for which his wife was so peculiarly qualified to shine. There was a small village a few miles distant that Ella could visit, but to a refined taste the common gossipping that for the most part characterizes such places, and the coarse manners of those who frequented them, were disgusting. The society they generally met with was not calculated to improve the mind, but rather to lead one to forget all that they had ever learned.

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A Christmas Hymn.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

[The following noble poem has been generally attributed to Henry W. Longfellow for the last ten years; it is by an anonymous writer in Blackwood's Magazine:]

It was the calm and silent night!
Seven hundred years and fifty-three
Had Rome been growing up in might,
And now was queen of land and sea.
No sound was heard of clashing wars now,
Peace ruled o'er the hushed domain;
Again, Pallas, Jove and Mars,
Held in mail each if their ancient reign.
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

'Twas in the calm and silent night!
The Senator o' haughty Rome,
Im. ial or regal his chair, e'e night,
Pass lordly round a drug home!
Triumphs, rich a, gleaming, proud,
His bosome with heights a' le endless sway
What, midst a the Romes what beheld
A paltry province far away,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

Within that province far away
Were shepherds home t weary hour;
A crook of light before him lay,
Pallas though a half-clad native flow
Across his path. He paused, for weight
Told what was going on within:
How here the stars' his only thought,
The air how calm, and cold, and thin,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

O strange indifference!—low and high,
Drowsed over common joys and cares,
The earth was still, but knew not why;
The world was lowering—unaware
How calm a moment may precede
One that shall thrill the world forever!
To that still moment none would heed
Man's doom was indeed, so many to sever,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

It is the calm of solemn night!
A thousand bells ring out, and throw
Their joyous peals abroad, and mate
The darkness—listened and holy now:
The night that ere so chaste had been.
Is it a happy mom e' e gives,
For in that stable lay, new-born,
The peaceful Prince of earth and heaven,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Christmas will have come and gone before any that number of the "Post" reaches our subscribers. Even to those who par ne reserve to the ontire observance of this festivity, it is a pleasant time for it brings kind feelings and fond remembrances. In many of the middle and southern States it takes the place which is filled in New England by Thanksgiving day. At the Christmas dinner, the children are accustomed to gather around the board at the old homestead, and renew the days of their infancy when they were next to play on the same ground, but amongst the same set of sports. Probably years may have passed since some of them met—under the between of this world's cares—but as the wind scatters the autumn leaves,—so feel their greeting has an added pleasure from the long separation, and this gathering under the old roof-tree seems almost to make them young again. Perhaps one of the little circle—it may be a wife—has passed to the nefleet it is in a lower and kinder tone than to the rest. But whether the feelings of those who thus assemble are sad, or joyful, or whether and remembrances come on to act at the feast, it is always a happy and genial period full of pleasant memories of the past time, and fruitful of renewed love and kindness in the future.

Then the children! Christmas is a merry season for the little rogues! How earnestly some of them believe in the ministrations of good old Santa Michalaus, who, with his load of presents, slides down chimney to chimney, dropping Christmas gifts into the little stockings hung up below. In the morning, perhaps the earliest daybreak, all the youngsters of the house are up, ransacking their hoards of presents, and filling the house with their happy, but noisy glee. Here a doll's coupe is borne along a wooden trumpet till the cats are fiuished—there a more stately little fellow has mounted a rocking horse, and is riding him at the top of his image—here one is spinning a huge humming top, there another is exercising a cart whip, and is threatening to break every glass in the house with his lash, and a fourth dances to and fro in the entertainment of a friend having just discovered a jumping-Jack, whose legs are jerking about like those of a galvanized log. The little gals have found their garters both, and are all arrayed in the beautifully coloured prints of perhaps they have received in a contest and sat down decisively to nurse a new doll, whom their mother kindly lends in on this amusement, by demanding that they shall praise his gun and the tune he occasionally sings.

"Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it comes it brings good cheer."

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(At the memory of the slaughtered turkeys and delicate roasted pigs, which, after watch on Christ mas morning by Christmas night are no more. It would surpass our power to tell of the nuts cracked, the apples pared, and the oranges sucked on this Christmas evening, while every one is in such high good humor, and so much laughing and talking is held, that at last people begin to look as sore as one opens his mouth. There are no times like Christmas times. Cannot sleep at night for morning till night! Cannot get little or nothing before confectioners to see Knee Kringle emitted over the artificial clouds from and to and fro to purchase toys or stare at the well filled windows. Then, after dinner, what a stream of promenaders Chestnut street affords! Persons who are never seen there on any other day in the year find time on Christmas afternoon to join the vast tide of people that ebbs and flows in that fashionable street—and what is musical, it very late seems bright and happy, and but for the absence of dear ones gone or forever, one might fancy himself in the midst of an Italian carnival. For one day in the three hundred and sixty-five the dismal an forgets his dollar. That day is Christmas!

We have endeavored to prepare a suitable feast for the occasion, and to "set out" to-day, if not otherwise decisive, is excellent at least in its quality and variety. The original story by Mrs. Peterson, is of a tragic nature, but is well set off by the "Point at Arbanese," which though it may be familiar to some of our readers, will be new to others, and amusing to all. We copy it from a lately published work, which is full of humor, and especially desirable at this festive season. The other articles, on the outside will be found as pleasant as they are varied. We advise you to read all.

On the inside will be found the news of the week, a plentiful potential miscellany, a letter from our Foreign writer, and an excellent abstract of the doings at Washington from our own correspondent there. We also give in another column, an analysis of the Oregon Correspondence, accompanied by a map of the Disputed Territory, which will be consulted and readed in no-no-nothing the re-

latter demands of our own and the British government. The correspondence has been published in full, in the Washington journals, but in so voluminous a shape that it would scarcely out whether people would thought it best, therefore, to give the best summary in another column, and more those who desire to pursue the letters in detail to the Washington Union and other papers.

As appropriate to the season, we re publish the following Christmas verses! Like old friends they are always welcome on this festival.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter;
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now Dasher! now Dancer! now, Prancer! now Vixen!
On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Donder and Blixen—
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I lay in my bed, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And his beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself,
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

BEGINNING LIFE.

Take care how you begin life! Habits of expense once contracted are not easily eradicated; and many a man has been constituted a conspicuous of beginning life in too much style. Extravagance is the fault of the age, and of almost every person arises from a love of display. The great fault with young married people is that they wish to begin where their parents left off. A daughter is used to contented ease, when married, she can move into a home as stylish as her fathers, and if they had a large establishment, she must have her Brussels carpets in here new abide. We see instances of this wealthiest every day. A young female, whose father is a man of "means," marries a gentleman just beginning life, with a small capital perhaps, but his fortune still to make. As her parents have many children, most of her portion notwithstanding her father's opulence, consists in the furniture of her house, which must comprise nearly duplicates of carved cabinet ware, and all the fashionable household adornments of the circle in which she has moved. Moreover she must be waited on by servants, in the style to which she has been accustomed. The most give parties dress expensively and take a summer trip to the Springs. How can her husband expect to get rich? If a very lucky speculation should turn up, he may acquire a fortune, but in three cases out of ten he will become involved and fail and the reason is obvious. His natural expenses started to, and justified by, the style of living possessed of but a small capital, all of which was embarked in business, he has been living in the style of a man of much independence. The result cannot be lasting long.

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This gentleman, whose decease has made such a n ise, is exceptionally ill, at his residence, in St. Mary's County, Maryland, and but very faint hopes of his recovery were entertained at the last accounts.

CHOICE CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

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Here we are—in the midst of the commencement of a railway panic, which I fear will prove destructive to many a fine fortune, and ruinous to many a family. Railway speculations for the past year have amounted to a perfect furor. Shares of no value have been sold at a premium, and have been sold at high premiums, and many of those have been merely gotten up by adventurers to part the public from their money. The result will be that the object of being bought off by other and more substantial people, who will be content to wait for a good percentage, twice or three other projects would undoubtedly have been started, and the whole railway business, requiring a capital of £44,000,000 Say, on thirty-two days three hundred and fifty millions sterling, would be required to be raised. Now, where is this money to come from? Bank of England notes will not answer the purpose, and the whole affair is about to be turned into ridicule. Among the papers of Mr. James Macpherson, evidence has been found that Lachlan Macinan was the author of Mr. Jamieson's letters. Lord Stanley, the present Secretary of State, and sent out to India in 1776, but was shipwrecked and drowned on the passage home. Mr. Macpherson, in our dark yards, is among the already colossal navy, especially in steam ships. Part of a new steel, and two iron monitors are to be launched from the Chatham dockyard during the present year. Vessels of the same class are to be commenced the month by which it was intended to be finished.

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Notices of New Works.

LADIES' NATIONAL MAGAZINE, *for January*, 1846. The number is on our table, lovely as the first flower of Spring. Its pages are laden with the richest and choicest merits of the brilliancy and beauty of the illuminated title-page has been equalled, if not surpassed by the engraver. The double-sheet fashion plate, with its elegantly purchased song if it contained no embellishment but this costly and gorgeous one, would be cheap, and would be unpossible we can only say that it is a superbly colored lady's fancy, and that the dress is the most splendid of the goldsilver sources on that is the most expensive and elegant fashion we have yet seen engraved. The colored dress worked by which it was produced, we were worked it must be so.

The other embellishments are a fine steel-plate by Sartain, and fashion-plate, the best We—P too ever published. The literature is worthy of the beautiful dress in which the fair writers in the country. There is, for instance, a powerful story by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, who is one of the author of "Conquest and Self Conquest." Mary Howitt has an excellent tale entitled "The Two Sisters." Mr. Neal a thrilling sketch of a "Cabin in Captivity," and Ellen Asher, who we are glad to see has a story in this number, which she calls "Beauty Asleep." There are two gems of poetry in the number: "Sonnet," by Mrs. Osgood, and the month's contribution "On a Dry Friend," by Mrs Stephens. These latter verses are highly beautiful. The poetry is "The Emigrant's Lament." We advise all, who wish a magazine, to subscribe for "The Ladies' National." It is but one dollar cheaper than the other books. $2.00 per annum.

"ANTHEA LOSCOMB;" OR, THE LEAF, AN EMBLEM OF MAN. *A sermon preached on St Philip's Church, Philadelphia, Dec. 1845, by the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of the same. Philada: Geo. S. Appleton.* 1846. Clarence Cleveland. The author of this discourse is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, and the subject is one which she calls "Beauty Asleep." There are two gems of poetry in the number: "Sonnet," by Mrs. Osgood,

Selected Poetry.

LINES,

Suggested by Daniel's Picture of Napoleon during his Stay, under sketchy before the Battle of Waterloo.

Soul softly—for the very room,
The sanctity chamber of His rest,
Impress a gasping awe and gloom
Upon the most intruder's breast—
Here, hand and look!—let breathe not, lest
They grasp maternal breath elsewhere
Should wake that eye's immortal there,
That, like the Last Archangel's gaze,
Might search them into stone!

He sleeps, while Earth around him reels,
And Mankind's million hosts rumble
Against the empire sword which seals
Their fate from Legislated to the Last—
While, like a giant roused from war,
Crime Europe, sighing, switches him,
The Warrior-Lord of Lodi's field—
Ore Jena's rout who shook his shield—
Is hush'd to slumber fast!

He sleeps! The Thunderer of the World
For once hath wearied, slept the best,
Whose strokes split empire with a word
And lost'd'd people-mantled Dis!.
Mid leaves, reds, and swell!
Lo, lull'd like baby by no nurse,
The Imperial Eagle finds his wing
Quiescent, whose awaking spring
Shall shake the universe!

He sleeps! and silence lends that tone
Which shift the Alps' eternal walls,
And bridges his pathway to a throne
Above the a valanche's halls.
Hark! how that victor voice speaks
Pale Austria's battle-line, whose fire
He crush'd game Nature's bare asunder,
And unconquer'd, in flame and wonder,
Upon Marengo flow!

He sleeps and dreams—oh, for the scene
Of some sublime dream! what power
Where stupor the fierce intelligence
Which smaught the human sketch he wakes!
Is the Emperoun dash a go?
And would an orbit sublunar stress
To grasp the balance of the skies,
And symmon, suns, and stars compress
In one tremendous ball?

He dreams and smiles! The Conqueror's brow,
Gigh'd with the Victor's mighty pride,
Lowin proudly calm and placid now.
As if young EMPIRE never died!
As if—Conscript Memorials!
The rush of Banished's stream,—
His hosts ingloss' Russia's grave,
And ice Russia's forest-snows,
Are loved not in the dream!

The plan and pencil in his hand
Have drawn'd, as though their effort fail'd
To draught the crimson sketch he wake'd!
Is Paris's vast volcano seven-and-fi—
But earth shall see the rage reveal'd,
And hear in fiery purport too,
Until her convulsed lip's heart stops—
And, carnage-dripped, thy sickle drops
Outmown, red Warrior!

He dreams and he smiles! The Conqueror's brow,
Unaegen Fortune's crowned had—
And France, exulting France, has now
Through all her hostess, trumpeters'd
He leads it not—some vision'd word
Hath shown him Ocean's diffent wave
Thundering the mural of his story,
And selling tenth-line on his glory,
Record St. Helena's grave.

Away, bright Picture! tell thy form,
Self-scribed Philosophy;
Whose really, mourning tongue would answer,
That time-cell'd Sphinx cannot be
From crowned Care one moment free,—
Tell him the life-entering sigh,
Napoleon's sleeping hour surveyed,
And with one deathless glance hath made
Immortal new for fate!

An Indian Story.

THE CREEK MAIDEN'S REVENGE

BY MISS C. W. BARBER.

—"There's a story in every breeze,
And a picture on every wave."

Where the tall cedar lifts its feathery boughs, and the magnolia leaves shine closer in the setting sun, on the banks of the Chattahoochee, there lived in 1814, an Indian maiden and her name was Nacoochee. She was considered the beauty of her tribe, and the young warriors called her "the Red Rose." Her form looks the bruised arbor's branches when she leaned from the white maidens of an adjoining settlement, and bound them with the wild flowers that formed the rich hunting grounds of Alabama and the groves of their fathers.

Among the Chiefs of her tribe was one known by the name of "Young Eagle Eye," so appellation he had won by bringing the eagle to his arrow from its flight in the sky. He saw and loved the Red Rose, and sought to win her for his own. He brought to her offerings of venison, and skins of bear—he plucked the purest feathers he could find, and brought curious bright tinted shells from the sea shore.

Among this rude measure were taken by the government of the United States relative to the removal of the Creek Nation of Indians, to Arkansas. A treaty was formed with the Indians at a grove every head of a family had a section of land on which to locate, and every young Indian and widow another of a section. These lands they were allowed to sell—thousands of their chiefs and younger people lands until 1836, the time of their removal, as they as those until the Indians left. But the Arkansas there were to remove and have behind them forever the rich hunting grounds of Alabama and the graves of their fathers.

In the year 1835, they resolved the eyes of Nacoochee's lover's father to set half fourteen with great and rage. He could not endure the idea of forsaking the land of his forefathers and their graves—and he went from the banks of the Chattahoochee—and the tribe of the Creeks—and the cornfields of his tribe—and his wife—and his children—and his home—and his heart hoped to be not with in peace, with his household by his side, but he was to wait a second hunting ground.

He met young Eagle Eye and upbraided him for the part he had acted in electing the treaty—he knew well that the Creek warriors were ready to fight and he—and how when I go back to the forest tepee, I want to be honored with my fathers and not be ashamed that the red man is a coward and has no courage. Our hunting grounds and graves are to be theirs and their pledges will done—and I will not be a coward. Here can you call me to divide my fathers, or enable the pipe of peace with my enemies who have done this. You would see daughter for your square, but this shall never be. The serpent shall not nestle with the Nacoochee shall cover be the square of the captive of her tribe."

In vain Eagle Eye sought to gain favor in the heart of Nacoochee—in vain he brought to her the finest furs, and moccasin and the feathers of her tribe. In vain young Eagle Eye flung from his arm the rich gold and wampum his Chanel about his elastic form, turned forever from the wigwam of Kenoqua.

Among those who came to trade with the Creeks and purchase their lands was a white by the name of James. He was a dashing young white man and one was gained—he cared not how it was obtained. He was the beautiful fields of Kenoqua and wanted to possess them. To gain he would to buy them—a tempting display of beads and trinkets. The power of Kenoqua to all his overtures was—these goods are none—but they shall be for gold—and for white man. Here will Kenoqua and the Red Rose be united. Rose turned his attentions to Nacoochee, and had a daily visit to the wigwam of Kenoqua and his daughter. He put on his most winning address and strove by every means in his power to insure—he succeeded into her affections. He no longer sought to purchase their lands, but mingled with them under the pretext of their people. These hunting grounds are yours, said he—and you should possess them. The white men have come and in attempting to drive them away—but I will be their friend in the house of her fathers. He brought her baskets of silver and endowed with her wigwam. I will marry you, said he, and build a wigwam like the white men's, and love you shall stay. You shall never go to Arkansas, these hunting grounds shall be preserved, and your father's home shall be with you."

The conquering old man, and ignorant maiden listened to the flattering tale and liked it well. Nacoochee became the bride of her white lover, but Kenoqua gave to him his beautiful lands. No never was he fully in possession of these, than the black-guns of his treacher began to appear. He spurned Nacoochee like a viper from his bosom—sold the land and absconded with the money. Kenoqua and his daughter found, that instead of a noble and white man's, they had been most cruelly wronged, and now must be driven away. So to Kenoqua, he said but little. He bid denial by the door of his wigwam, rested his head upon his hand, and left the arrow and tomahawk to hang uselessly by his side. No tear nor remorse, lay in his path, and his Indian neighbors said, "the white man has wronged him too much—Kenoqua will die."

But the spirit of that Indian girl was crossed with in her, and she vowed revenge. Her eye flashed in wrath, and she thirsted for the blood of the deceiver.

One evening when Kenoqui had laid himself upon his blanket by the fire, and was half buried in an easy slumber, she stole to his side and took the tomahawk from his girdle. Alone she went out beneath the quiet moon, and taking a few pathfinder and used her war. She heard around her the wild beasts of the night, but her eye quailed not. Her heart was strong in its revenge. Near and near might she passed near a white settlement. "The tiger has left his prey and returned to his den," she said, "but that shall wait him not. Nacoochee lurks in his path, and will yet have his blood."

She heard near her a slight noise of some one turning over in slumber. She looked and not far off lay the object of her pursuit. He was wrapped in his blanket heavily, and his rifle and hunting knife were by his side. With a half maniac shriek, Nacoochee sprung upon her prey, and her tomahawk glistened for one moment in the moon light. The bloody scalp of her deceiver dripped red in her hand—"It is enough," she said, as she turned to depart. "Nacoochee can sleep in peace."

When she reached the wigwam again, the light of morning was breaking in the east. She entered the cabin, and sought to frame the old man her in their from his sleep with one hand, while in the other she held high the scalp of her victim. Her efforts were vain—Kenqui was a corpse. The soul of the deceived and deserter, had both passed on one night on to their fathers.

Nacoochee gazed wildly upon the night before her, and then wrapping the scalp in one corner of her blanket, went out into the lands of the Chattahoochee and perished in its waves.

The inquisitive traveller who chances to visit the Creek nation, will see here two graves with rude piles of stone upon them, within the shade of a tall cedar tree. There sleeps Nacoochee and her father. The Creek nation has been removed—and the white man now point to those graves and repeat to each other the tale of the CREEK MAIDEN'S REVENGE.—*Franklin Democrat.*

Curious Scraps.

GREAT FIRES.

By reasoning to history, we find the GREAT FIRES of our country scarcely deserve the name, either as to duration or extent, in comparison of property destroyed in the destruction of human life. In the years 1631, 1666, 1794, and 1106, nearly the whole of the city of London was destroyed by fire. On the 10th July, 1213, the London bridge was burnt, and 2,000 persons perished. In the fall of September 1st, 1666, a few commenced near the monument, and continued four days and nights, spreading over 436 acres of ground, 400 streets, and consuming 13,200 houses and 88 churches. In 1676, this city was again threatened, for a time, with a similar fire, 100 houses being destroyed before the flames were arrested. The next large fire in London, occurred July 23 and 24, 1716, when about 700 houses were destroyed, including an East India warehouse, in which were 85,000 bags of saltpetre, but history knows of no lives lost by this fire.

On the 21st of March, 1824, a dreadful fire occurred at Cairo, Egypt, when 4,000 persons lost their lives by the explosion of the magazine—gunpowder, not saltpetre! In January, 1825, a great fire occurred in Carter, which consumed 1,000 houses and an immense quantity of hay.

On the 4th of September, 1778, a fire occurred in Constantinople, which consumed 2,000 houses. On the 22d of October 1783, another occurred in the same city, which consumed 40,000 dwellings and 10,000 shops, and destroyed millions of goldens. On the 20th of August, 1760, St. Petersburgh, in Russia, sustained great damage by fire, and on the 17th of November of the same year, 11,000 houses were destroyed by fire commemorated by lightning. On the 7th of June 1730, another fire occurred there destroying a large magazine of naval stores and 100 vessels.

Moscow in Russia, founded in 1147, was fired by the Tartars, in 1536, and almost entirely consumed. It was rebuilt, and in 1571 again laid in ashes by the Tartars. It was again rebuilt, and, in 1611, destroyed by the Poles. From that time, this city enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity up to the 14th of September, 1812, when Bonaparte entered it with his victorious army. It was then fired by the Russians, and consumed during several days. In assuming more than three quarters of the city property there twenty miles in circumference, compelling the Count, and several other nations to leave the city, without clothes, money or food, to the mercies of the army and the downfall of Bonaparte. Thirty thousand sick and wounded perished in the flames.

The GREAT CITY—London, upon an average for the last ten years, has paid annually $43,840,000 in taxes, for the support of the poor. The whole amount raised from that department. There are 2,000 merchants and bankers within half a mile of the Exchange, and their companies supply 300,000,000 hogsheads every year, and the gas company uses 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours. In 1835 there were 7,000,000 passengers by the 1,000 head of cattle, and 1,500,000 of sheep. The London newspapers consume 11,000,000 stamps annually. The steamboats carry 11,000,000 passengers every day. There are 10,000 miles of railroad, stretching from London into every part of the kingdom, completed at the expense of $250,000,000. The business of the London bankers alone, averages $5,000,000 every week in finance, and the interest produced that wonderful city, is not put down by McCulloch, nor the weight of human despair.

Choice Tales.

CROSSING THE MOUNTAINS.

When we crossed the Rocky Mountains, three or four weeks since, we secured an outside seat upon the coach. No. 320, Broadway, Leipsic Line. Way and Co. proprietors, and